

February 21, 2006

The Honorable Sam Farr
United States House of Representatives
1221 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0517

Dear Representative Farr,

I wanted to personally thank you for your efforts to help bring the FDA's failure to make a decision on the Plan B® Emergency Contraception over-the-counter application into the spotlight. Your comments last week to Acting Commissioner Andrew von Eschenbach are greatly appreciated by Planned Parenthood and the women across the country who stand to benefit from increased access to a medication that prevents unintended pregnancy.

As you know, Planned Parenthood is committed to reducing the number of unintended pregnancies through increasing the accessibility of contraception and the availability of medically accurate information so that women can make informed and responsible choices. We too are deeply concerned that the FDA appears to be blocking greater access to a safe and effective method of contraception for political reasons.

The FDA's delay tactics are a major public health setback that put women's health and lives on the line. Every day the FDA delays making a decision on increasing access to this second chance prevention medication the more women are put at risk of facing an unintended pregnancy. We agree that the credibility of the FDA is on the line and that the time has come to return to the days when the FDA's obligation to protect the public health was taken seriously. Americans deserve an independent FDA that will make decisions based on science and medicine, not politics. On behalf of Planned Parenthood, a sincere thanks for your efforts on this important matter with respect to women's health.

Sincerely,



Cecile Richards
President

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Congressman —

*You have been stellar in
your support of EC over
the counter - I look
forward to
working with you. Cecile*